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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Sulaymann DIB-HAJJ, <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Michael PAK
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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 8, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant is concurrently submitting a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition to Withdraw Finality. Applicant submitted a Notice of Appeal on May 25, 2007. A statutory time period for reply was set to expire two months after filing of the Notice of Appeal, on July 25, 2007. Applicant hereby requests a five (5) month extension of time extending the time for reply to and including December 25, 2007. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on December 19, 2007 is timely.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

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Please note that a new Appointment of Attorney, as well as a Request for Change of Attorney Docket Number and Correspondence Address were submitted to the USPTO on August 18, 2006. Furthermore, a Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney was mailed on September 19, 2006. Accordingly, all future correspondence in the above-captioned case should be sent to:

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